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JERUSALEM FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

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TAGS: PEPR PBOR EG IS PDEV
SUBJECT: REACTION TO ISRAELI PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS
- SOVEREIGNTY OF WEST BANK/GAZA

1. AHRAH JULY 26 CARRIED ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT
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BEGIN TRYING TO COME CLOSER TO LABOR PARTY BY ANNOUNC-
ING "FOR FIRST TIME HIS READINESS TO DISCUSS QUESTION
OF SOVEREIGNTY OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AFTER END OF
FIVE YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD," WHEREAS PREVIOUS POSITION
OF BEGIN GOVERNMENT WAS"CATEGORICAL REJECTION." AHRAH
AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER ALSO CARRY REPORTS FROM
ISRAELI PAPERS CITING DAVID GLASS'S STATEMENT THAT WHEN

BEGIN WAS ASKED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WEST BANK AND GAZA HE SAID HE HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE IDEA THAT THE MATTER OF SOVEREIGNTY SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. BEGIN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT IF HE HAD SAID THAT FIVE WEEKS AGO A SPLIT MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED IN HIS GOVERNMENT. BEGIN REPORTEDLY SAID THE TIME WAS NOT SUITABLE AND THAT HE WAS NOT IN A STRONG POSITION TO ALLOW HIM TO FACE SUCH A SITUATION INSIDE HIS GOVERNMENT. PM'S OFFICE REPORTEDLY DENIED THIS.

2. COMMENT. EDITORIALISTS HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON ISRAEL'S APPARENT READINESS TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST BANK AND GAZA AFTER FIVE YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD AND, IF IT IS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE, IT HAS BEEN MISSED BY OUR EGYPTIAN CONTACTS. EGYPTIANS OF COURSE BELIEVE ISRAEL HAS NO CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST BANK/GAZA. FOCUS OF PRESS REMAINS ON BEGIN AND HIS PROBLEMS WHICH IS DESIGNED TO CONVINCE DOMESTIC AUDIENCE THAT SADAT INITIATIVE IS PAYING DIVIDENDS. EILTS

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